



Our Ref.: 146.1286

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : A. Mohamed
T. SHIMURA et al :
Serial No.: 09/068,253 : Group: 1653
Filed: June 9, 1998 :
For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION:
600 Third Avenue
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for three months until

October 21, 2003.

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # [REDACTED] the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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